

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JULIO MELENDREZ ORTEGA,

Defendant.

Case No. 23-CR-133-1-JPS

**ORDER**

On April 5, 2024, the Government filed a single-count Information charging Defendant with violating 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A), and 18 U.S.C. § 2(a). ECF No. 76. That same day, the parties filed a plea agreement indicating that Defendant has agreed to plead guilty to the Information. ECF No. 77.

The parties appeared before Magistrate Judge Nancy Joseph on May 2, 2024, to conduct a plea colloquy pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. ECF No. 87. Defendant entered a plea of guilty as to the single count charged in the Information. *Id.* After cautioning and examining Defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects mentioned in Rule 11, Magistrate Judge Joseph determined that the guilty plea was knowing and voluntary, and that the offenses charged were supported by an independent factual basis containing each of the essential elements of the offenses. *Id.*; ECF No. 89.

On May 2, 2024, Magistrate Judge Joseph filed a Report and Recommendation with this Court, recommending that: (1) Defendant's plea of guilty be accepted; (2) a presentence investigation report be prepared;

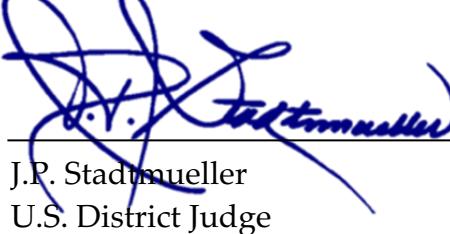
and (3) Defendant be adjudicated guilty and have a sentence imposed accordingly. ECF No. 86. Pursuant to General Local Rule 72(c), 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 59(b), the parties were advised that written objections to that recommendation, or any part thereof, could be filed within fourteen days of the date of service of the recommendation. *Id.* To date, no party has filed such an objection. The Court has considered Magistrate Judge Joseph's recommendation and, having received no objection thereto, will adopt it.

Accordingly,

**IT IS ORDERED** that Magistrate Judge Nancy Joseph's Report and Recommendation, ECF No. 89, be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 22nd day of May, 2024.

BY THE COURT:



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J.P. Stadtmueller  
U.S. District Judge